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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STEPHEN & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOWRIE, Ludgate Circus, E.C. HATESHAW & Co., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.  
PARIS AND EUROPE.—GALLIÉ & PRINCE, 30, Rue Lafayette, Paris.  
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.  
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOWRIE, Melbourne and Sydney.  
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.  
SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & Co., Squire, Singapore. C. HEENSEN & Co., Manila.  
CHINA.—MAURO, MESSRS A. A. DE MELO & Co., Shanghai. QUINON & Co., Foochow. HEDGE & Co., Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$5,000,000  
Installments received on.....926,765.62  
New Shares.....\$5,025,765.02  
Reserve Fund.....\$2,500,000  
Installment of New Shares, to be paid on New Shares.....\$68,336.43  
Cost of New Shares.....\$3,108,336.43

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—W.M. REINERS, Esq.  
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HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. will conduct our Business at this port and all Communications should be addressed to them.  
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. will also Act as Agents at this port for our line of Steamers.  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

Intimations.

WILLIAM DOLAN,  
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,  
22, Praya Central.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,  
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN  
CAXIUM LINE BUOYS,  
CORK JACKETS,  
&c., &c., &c.  
Received May 1, 1883.

PENINSULAR & CONTINENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND  
CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for passing the Company's Steamers through the SUZ CANAL in QUARANTINE, thus avoiding any detention in EGYPT. The Howard Mails are now being landed at VENICE, but the QUARANTINE which is still imposed at this and all other CONTINENTAL Ports prevents the landing of Passengers, and those travelling by the Company's Steamers are advised to remain on board the Vessel which calls at MARSEILLE en route—stopping a few hours only to discharge cargo—and proceed in her direct to LONDON, thus avoiding all QUARANTINE delays and inconvenience.

The Passage of the Steamers will be accelerated, and they will call at MALTA or GIROUAT.

E. L. WOODIN,  
Acting Superintendent,  
Hongkong, September 1, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents of the CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

AINHOUD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, October 20, 1883.

A Good BOOKKEEPER, who has a few spare hours, in the early morning, would be glad to take charge of a Set of Accounts. Terms very moderate.

Address, "M. M. R.",  
c/o. China Mail Office.

Hongkong, August 24, 1883.

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersigned, 1, Queen's Road, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of October instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883.

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st day of October instant, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883.

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HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st October, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 1 Cent per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 15, 1883.

no23

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the SECOND CALL of \$16.00 on the Shares of the NEW ISSUE is Payable on the 31st instant.

Interest at the Rate of 9 per cent. will be charged on all over-due Calls.

By Order,

A. S. GARFT,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, October 26, 1883.

no23

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the SECOND CALL of \$16.00 on the Shares of the NEW ISSUE is Payable on the 31st instant.

Interest at the Rate of 9 per cent. will be charged on all over-due Calls.

By Order,

A. S. GARFT,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, October 26, 1883.

no23

MRS. P. SMITH,  
PRIVATE TIFFIN ROOMS,

AT Nos. 8 & 9, Beaconsfield Arcade.

M E A L S & R E F R E S H M E N T S  
AT ALL HOUSES.

T I F F I N R O O M S ,  
B I L L I A R D R O O M ,  
A N D  
R E A D I N G R O O M .

N.B.—NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR  
THE USE OF READING AND  
BILLIARD ROOMS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOARD AND  
LODGING can be made by applying to

Mrs. P. SMITH,  
On the Premises, Beaconsfield  
Arcade.

Hongkong, October 18, 1883.

no18

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-

pany are requested to furnish the

undersigned with a list of their Con-

tributions for the year ending 31st December

last, in order that the DISTRIBUTION of

the PROFITS Reserved for Contributors

may be arranged. Returns not rendered

prior to the Thirtieth day of October

next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be sub-

sequently admitted.

By Order of the Board,

Douglas Jones,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, October 22, 1883.

no18

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested

to send in to this office a list of their

Contributions for the year ending

31st December last, in order that the

PROPORTION of BONUS for that year

to be paid to BONUS to Contributors

may be arranged. Returns not sent in

before the 30th November next, will be

made up by the Company, and no sub-

sequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Board,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 15, 1883.

no18

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Second and Final BONUS of Five

per cent. on Contributions, and a

Dividend of Eighteen Dollars and

Twenty-nine Cents per Share for the year

1882, will be payable on MONDAY, the 22nd instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application at

the Office of the Society on and after that

date.

By Order of the Board,

Douglas Jones,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, August 16, 1883.

no18

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested

to send in to this office a list of their

Contributions for the year ending

31st December last, in order that the

proportion of BONUS for that year

to be paid to Contributors

may be arranged. Returns not sent in

before the 30th November next, will be

made up by the Company, and no sub-

sequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Board,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 15, 1883.

no18

Intimations.

CHINA REVIEW.

N O W R e a d y .

N O . I.—V O L . X I I .

—O F T H E —

“ CHINA REVIEW ”

CONTAINS—

The Structure of Chinese Characters.

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.  
No. 53, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER),  
ARE NOW LANDING  
FROM AMERICA.

CALIFORNIA  
CRACKER  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.  
Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.  
CORNMEAL.

White BEANS.  
TOFOGAN BUTTER.  
Eastern and California CHEESE.  
CODFISH in Tins.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEER in 25 lb cans.  
Bear Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.  
Cutting Desserts FRUITS in 24 lb cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted SOUPS.  
Richardson & Bobbin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.

Richardson & Bobbin's Curried OYSTERS.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Fresh OREGON SALMON.  
Dried APPLES.  
TOMATOES.  
SUCCHETTAH.  
BROWN.  
Mayo SYRUP.  
Golden SYRUP.  
LOBSTERS.  
OYSTERS.  
HONEY.  
Corn STARCH.  
Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.  
400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb.  
900 lb.  
1,200 lb.

CORN BROOMS.  
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.  
AXES and HATCHETS.  
AGATE IRON WARE.  
WAFFLE IRONS.  
SMOOTHING IRONS.  
PAINTS and OILS.  
TALLOW and TAR.  
VARNISHES.

DEVOE'S NONPARIEL  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,  
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
S T O R E S,  
including:

BREAKFAST TONGUES.  
CAVIAR.  
ASPARAGUS.  
SOUPS, &c.  
THOMSON'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
ALMONDS and RAISINS.  
PICNIC TONGUES.  
COCCOTINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
LIEBIG'S & EPP'S COCOA.  
FRENCH PLUMS.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.  
SAUSAGES.  
BRAWN.  
DANISH BUTTER.

SPARTAN  
COOKING STOVES.  
ENGLISH CUTLERY.  
ELECTRO-PLATE.  
CROCKERY & GLASS WARE.

CLARETS—  
CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.  
1888. CHAVRES.  
BREAKFAST CLARET."

SHERRIES & POET.  
SACCOME MANZANILLA & AMON-  
TILLADO.

SACCOME'S OLD INVALID PORT

HUNT PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—  
1 and 3-star HENNESSY & BRANDY.

BISCUIT DUCHESS & CO.'s BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENLEW WHISKY.

BOAD'S OLD TOM.

E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NODDY PRAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.

CHARLES' GINGER BRANDY.

EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURAÇAO.

ANGOSTURA BOKER'S and ORANGE

BITTERS.

AC., &c., &c.

BAR'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY EXCELSIOR

G I G A B S.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAFES, CASH and PAPER

BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, July 10, 1883.

## Mails.



## Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.  
TAking CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,  
VIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

THE S. S. OCEANIC will be despatched  
from San Francisco, via Yokohama,  
with the option of calling at Honolulu,  
on SATURDAY, the 17th November, at  
3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,  
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan  
ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full; and same will be received  
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the  
day previous to mailing.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who  
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San  
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)  
within six months, will be allowed a discount  
of 20% from Return Fare if re-embarking  
within one year, an allowance of 10% will  
be made from Return Fare.

Required protection will be granted on  
first class Lines up to £1000 on a Single  
Ticket.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

## Insurances.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY,  
LIRE AND LIFE.

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Premiums on the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings and on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on Board Vessels bound for  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposed for Life Assumptions will be re-  
ferred, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

## NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-  
PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept  
Risks on First Class Godowns at  
per cent not premium per annum.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

JUST RECEIVED

S. T. JACOB'S OIL  
HOP BITTERS.  
ELECTRIC HAIR BRUSHES.  
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, September 24, 1883.

To-day's Advertisements.

## THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE LOFTUS TROUPE

WILL OPEN THEIR SHABBY EARLY  
NEXT WEEK.

(dependent upon the arrival of the next  
MISS BRISH STEAMER)

with  
GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S CELEBRATED  
COMIC OPERA,

THE PIRATES OF PENGUZ.

NEW AND APPROPRIATE SCENERY BY  
C. J. BARBER.

Correct Costumes and Artistic Properties.

The Company having had a most successful  
Season at Shanghai and in Japan, will  
spare neither pains nor expense to  
mount all their pieces in the  
most complete manner.

CLEARED.

Lethbridge, for New York.

Chin-kung, for Shanghai.

Kong-keng, for Swatow, &c.

PASSENGERS.

ALREADY.

Per Sadiq, from Shanghai; for Hong-  
kong, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gardner and maid,  
Mr. P. L. Dittrich, Vicente H. R. de  
Concione, Baron D. de Fontayne, Mr. E.  
Wheately and native servant, Miss W. A. Bun,  
J. N. Simms, J. Simonis and native ser-  
vant, Mr. A. E. Vander, V. Chinese and  
boy for Singapore, Mr. W. G. Bayne, for  
London, Messrs. H. H. Boyd and W. W.  
King.

Per Kortigen, from Singapore, 84 Chi-  
nese.

Per Captain Christie, 2 Chinese.

Per Greyhound, for Hoikow, &c.

Per Mandarin, from Newchwang, 5 Chi-  
nese.

Per Emerald, from Manila, 6 Chinese.

Per Amoy, from Chefoo, 2 Chinese.

Per Mandarin, from Honolulu, Miss A.  
White, Miss Cora Bennekin, Mr. Went-  
worth, Mr. F. Damon, and 200 Chinese.

Per Don Juan, from Manila, 50 Chinese,  
and one Malay.

DEPARTURES.

Per Gordon Castle, for Saigon.

Per Mary Louise, for Singapore.

Per Greyhound, for Hoikow, &c.

Per Mandarin, for Saigon, &c.

Per Amoy, for Newchwang.

Per Mandarin, for Saigon, &c.

and it is also difficult to see why the news of the retreat of the Chinese, and the decision of the Black Flags should cause France to break off negotiations with China. At the same time it is quite possible that France has suspended negotiations with China for the present.

An anonymous correspondent, who evidently wishes us to be exact not only to a minute, but to the fraction of a second, with reference to the times and places of the Eclipse of the Sun which will take place on Wednesday morning next, has sent us a statement worked out by himself from the Nautical Almanack as he thinks to a second. While thanking him for his paper, we do not publish his figures exactly, inasmuch as, on checking them, we find that he has fallen into the error of reckoning 100 seconds to a minute instead of 60. As it is evidently of interest to our subscribers who have chronometers to give the seconds of time as well as the nearest minute when and where the eclipse happens, the following are the particulars worked out to the intercession, to say the least, of attempting to carry on the China Merchants Co.; but to transfer the steamers to an alien flag, except in the last extremity, would be the heaviest blow to Chinese pride. We hear that Mr. Tong King-sing is on his way back to China. He has contracted for ironclads, but has failed in raising a "gold" loan. On the other hand, he has undertaken a number of philanthropic schemes with his opinion on the opium question.

## H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S TRIP TO THE NORTH.

The Eclipse begins on the Earth generally Oct. 31st, at 4h 20m. 45. a.m. in

Longitude 141° 7' E. and Latitude 31° 4' N.

The Central Eclipse begins generally Oct. 31st, at 5h 43m. 52s. a.m. in Longitude 126° 47' E. and Lat. 42° 9' N.

The Central Eclipse occurs Oct. 31st, at 7h. 12m. 29s. a.m. in Long. 178° 15' W., and Lat. 17° 21' N.

The Central Eclipse ends generally Oct. 31st, at 9h. 10m. 22s. a.m. in Long. 121° 41' W. and Latitude 16° 22' N.

The Eclipse ends on the Earth generally Oct. 31st 10h. 25m. 10s. a.m. in Longitude 137° 26' W. and Latitude 5° 14' N.

The Argus, Ernest, Sea Shadow, Charley and Carl Ritter, sailing vessels, and the Hudson, Greathead Hall, Chantrey, Aztec and Mexico, steamers, were at Newchwang on the 10th instant. The steamers have since left.

H. B. M.'s corvette Corazon, Commander G. J. Anstruther, arrived at Shanghai from Japan, on the 21st instant. She anchored below the shipping and came to the naval buoy opposite the Bund on the following morning. She reports that when between Yokohama and Nagasaki she experienced a typhoon in which she lost two quarter boats. She also picked up 10 Japanese of wreckage and a raft and landed them in Kobe. She left Nagasaki on the 18th and had fine weather to port. The Corazon is expected to winter at Shanghai.—Shanghai Courier.

The First Commissioner of Works has purchased the Edison electric plant, which has been used in the House of Commons during the 103 nights of the past session. The success attending this experiment has induced Mr. Lefevre to adopt the light on a permanent footing, and a considerable extension of machinery is now being made by the Edison Company. Next session, therefore, not only the libraries and the dining rooms of the House of Commons, but also the division lobbies, Ministers' rooms and precincts of the House will be lighted by the Edison light.

A short time ago the Queen of Italy, in the course of a railway journey, stopped at a certain station and was met by the mayor and municipal big-wigs in all the glory of their robes of honour. An elegant luncheon had been provided, but the royal appetite was uncertain, and the Queen vacillated over the obsequious depiters until she got her a glass of wine, which was all that she wanted. This was promptly brought, but whilst drinking it a drop fell from the glass on to her travelling dress. She at once sought in her pocket for a handkerchief to remove the stain, but the worthy tailor, whose daily avocation behind the counter had possibly accustomed her to the purpose for which ladies seal their pocketbooks, misundertood the motion of the Queen's hand, and murmured humbly, but earnestly, "Ah, no! your Majesty; I assure you it is all paid for!"—Life.

A NOSEBAG OF AN EXTRAORDINARY CHARACTER (says the Liverpool Courier) has been reported to the head-constable, Captain N. Bower, the person robbing Mr. Irving Bishop, the "night ranger," and the thief being, strangely enough, of bank notes, whose numbers he claims to be able to read in the dark. It seems that on Monday Mr. Bishop was staying at the Grand Hotel. He went from his room for the purpose of proceeding down to the bar of the hotel to settle his bill. He left on the table of his room four bank notes for a considerable amount, and it is reported to the police that on his return the notes were gone. A search was made everywhere for them, but they could not be found, and the conclusion came to was that some person in the hotel must have stolen them. One of the stolen notes was the one given to Mr. Bishop by Mr. Guthrie on Saturday night. The detective police, by the instructions of the head-constable, are still investigating this extraordinary robbery.

The Glasgow Herald of 4th September has the following:—"A Correspondent, writing from Hongkong, the departure of the last mail, states that a rumour prevailed that in the event of any hostilities breaking out at any time between the French and Chinese over the Tonkin affair, the overtures started a few years ago between the China Merchant Steam Navigation Company and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co., relative to a loan and transfer of the Company's steamers to the management of one or other of the firms, most likely the latter, would be reconsidered. It is said that Messrs. Russell & Co. at Shanghai, have been in treaty with the China Merchant Steam Navigation Co. to effect an immediate transfer of the company's property. Messrs. Russell have the exclusive rights and control, including the change of flag of the vessels." Rumours of the same kind as those in the last paragraph have been in circulation here during the last few days. The overtures referred to were made in the autumn of 1881, and were then put aside by Li Hung-chang. His Excellency heard nothing that was urged in favour of the change, with the polite appearance of desire for information which characterized his intercourse with interviewing foreigners, up to a certain point. Losses on the security of the Customs revenue were also urged on favourable terms, and formed part of the scheme. H. E. was inclined to borrow, but expressed a mild surprise when informed that the terms would

not be similar to those on which England can raise loans. At a shade over three per cent, he would have to do with the financial representative of London, and New York, but a suggestion of seven or eight per cent, hurt his feelings as a patriotic Chinese, and so part of the business came to an end. Regarding the proposed transfer of the steamers of the China Merchant's Co. to foreign management, Li, in his most statesmanlike, diplomatic manner, asked to be shown how foreign management—that had reduced the S. S. N. Co. to the condition in which it was when the Chinese bought its business, was likely to be better than the native management, which had brought the China Merchant's Co. into vigorous life and prosperity. The explanations offered having failed to convince Li, this part of the negotiations was also dropped. The manner in which the Viceroy disposed of the foreigner's overtures afforded immense satisfaction to the Chinese in the north and were matter of current gossip in Tientsin and the wire. Things are different now, and Li's eyes may at last be open to the inexperience, to say the least, of attempting to carry on the China Merchant's Co.; but to transfer the steamers to an alien flag, except in the last extremity, would be the heaviest blow to Chinese pride. We hear that Mr. Tong King-sing is on his way back to China. He has contracted for ironclads, but has failed in raising a "gold" loan. On the other hand, he has undertaken a number of philanthropic schemes with his opinion on the opium question.

## H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S TRIP TO THE NORTH.

His Excellency left Hongkong for Shanghai on the 3rd September in the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's steamer Po-tang. It seems that His Excellency had intimated his wish to confer with Sir Harry Parkes on several matters connected with the Government of Hongkong, in its relations to the neighbouring Empire; and the newly-appointed British Minister in China had invited Sir George to meet him in Shanghai in the early part of September. The voyage to Shanghai was very pleasant, and His Excellency speaks highly of the Peotang. On arriving in Shanghai, His Excellency Sir Harry Parkes, who had only just arrived from Japan, gave the Governor a pressing invitation to go with him to Peking, where all the official papers required in a discussion on Hongkong affairs would be at hand, and where they could discuss more at their leisure the matters Sir George Bowen wished to be taken into consideration. After a stay in Shanghai of three or four days, during which Sir George saw as much of the "Model Settlement" as possible, His Excellency left it in the Kowloon, en route to Chefoo and Thientin.

Shanghai very favourably impressed His Excellency, and he thought it was thoroughly deserving of the name of the "Model Settlement." He admired its fine bund, bordered with trees, its substantial and handsome buildings and the Buliding Wall and other roads; indeed Sir George even went so far as to say the bund reminded him of the Thames Embankment. Everywhere he observed signs of the advantages of local self-government; for the settlement is governed by a freely elected Municipality, which has complete control over the Police, the public works, and all other local affairs.

Chefoo, the Governor thought, had been aptly termed the Brighton of China. The voyage from Chefoo to Tientsin was made in the Sia Nei-ku, another admirably appointed steamer of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

At Tientsin, His Excellency had two or three interviews with the great Viceroy, the "Bismarck of China," Li Hung Chang, by whom he was received with marked distinction. In the course of one of these interviews, an interesting conversation ensued. Li Hung Chang expressed himself strongly in favour of peace and progress. Telegraph and railways would, he thought, be of great benefit to China, but in his endeavours to introduce these means of progress he had met with a great deal of opposition from the "country gentry" and the literati.

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It seems that on Monday Mr. Bishop was staying at the Grand Hotel. He went from his room for the purpose of proceeding down to the bar of the hotel to settle his bill. He left on the table of his room four bank notes for a considerable amount, and it is reported to the police that on his return the notes were gone. A search was made everywhere for them, but they could not be found, and the conclusion came to was that some person in the hotel must have stolen them. One of the stolen notes was the one given to Mr. Bishop by Mr. Guthrie on Saturday night. The detective police, by the instructions of the head-constable, are still investigating this extraordinary robbery.

The Glasgow Herald of 4th September has the following:—"A Correspondent, writing

from Hongkong, the departure of the last mail, states that a rumour prevailed

that in the event of any hostilities breaking

out at any time between the French and Chinese over the Tonkin affair, the overtures

started a few years ago between the China

Merchant Steam Navigation Company and

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and

Messrs. Russell & Co. relative to a loan and transfer

of the Company's steamers to the manage-

ment of one or other of the firms, most likely

the latter, would be reconsidered. It is said

that Messrs. Russell & Co. at Shanghai,

have been in treaty with the China

Merchant Steam Navigation Co. to effect

an immediate transfer of the company's prop-

erty. Messrs. Russell have the exclusive

rights and control, including the change

of flag of the vessels." Rumours of the same

kind as those in the last paragraph have

been in circulation here during the last few

days. The overtures referred to were made

in the autumn of 1881, and were then

put aside by Li Hung-chang. His Excel-

lency heard nothing that was urged in

favour of the change, with the polite

appearance of desire for information

which characterized his intercourse with

interviewing foreigners, up to a certain point.

Losses on the security of the Customs rev-

enue were also urged on favourable terms,

and formed part of the scheme. H. E. was

inclined to borrow, but expressed a mild sur-

prise when informed that the terms would

be similar to those on which England can raise loans. At a shade over three per cent, he would have to do with the financial representative of London, and New York, but a suggestion of seven or eight per cent, hurt his feelings as a patriotic Chinese, and so part of the business came to an end. Regarding the proposed transfer of the steamers of the China Merchant's Co. to foreign management, Li, in his most statesmanlike and

diplomatic manner, asked to be shown how foreign management—that had reduced the S. S. N. Co. to the condition in which it was when the Chinese bought its business, was likely to be better than the native management, which had brought the China Merchant's Co. into vigorous life and prosperity. The following was the menu, which was printed in Chinese and English:

### BILL OF FARE.

Soup. Oxtail. Chicken and Duck.

Fish. Hui-wang, baked. Honeyed Ham.

Entrees. Patis's Financier.

Horser. Meat.

Mutton Cutlets.

Dried Bamboo Shoots.

Aspic of foie gras.

Fish Sinew with pheasant eggs.

Roast. Turkey with Ham.

Mushroom soup.

Sauces.

Custard Pudding.

Almond tea.

Purée of Chestnut.

Rice Pot-pouri.

Desert. Biscuits.

Fruit.

20th September, 1883.

Various European wines were taken round after the European courses, and Chinese wines; and liqueurs in silver goblets after the Chinese courses. After the banquet Li Hung Chang proposed, through one of his secretaries, who spoke in French, the health of the two foreign ministers present, and the health of the Governor of Hongkong. They acknowledged the compliment, and proposed the health of His Excellency Li Hung Chang. These were the only toasts. The Imperial Chinese Band played during the proceedings. This band numbers thirty members, who are dressed in uniform and play the usual European instruments, under the direction of a French bandmaster. They performed the following selection very creditably on this occasion:—

1. MARCH—"Mama ni tuo tu'a,"...Big.

2. FANTASIA—"Lorena Burga,"...Domingo.

3. POLKA—"Zick Zack,"...Lodovici.

4. CHORUS FANTASIA for "Glooms,"...Big.

5. QUADRILLE—"Popular,"...Big.

A. BIZET.  
Music Director.

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The November-December number of the China Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giles on "The New Testament in Chinese" treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries. Mr. E. H. Parker's "Short Journeys in Szechuan," also contained, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. E. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Empress Chang founder of the Chinese Empire," which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which "On Chinese Oaths in Western Burma and Java," might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number."—H. K. Daily Press.

The China Review contains the following notice of the China Review:—The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, some what similar to that which has been filled in India by the Celestial Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular service, the Chinese Customs corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors.

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-po, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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2. From Gas Works to the P. and O. Co.'s Factory.  
3. From P. and O. Co.'s Factory to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peidai's Wharf.  
6. From Peidai's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

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Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Companions or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Albany	5 h. Daily.	Brit. str.	2300	Oct.	25 Wardino, Matheson & Co.	Singapore, &c.	
Amoy	5 h. Hornemann	Brit. str.	814	Oct.	29 Matheson & Co.	Singapore, &c.	
Arratoon APCAR.	5 m. Macdavid	Brit. str.	1920	Oct.	29 Matheson & Co.	Singapore, &c.	
Bellona	4 c. Schaefer	Ger. str.	739	Oct.	29 Matheson & Co.	Singapore, &c.	
Cairnsmuir	5 h. Castle	Brit. str.	1120	Oct.	26 Russell & Son	Klang-ping, &c.	
C.T. Hook	5 h. Hindmarsh	Brit. str.	1480	Oct.	26 H. & W. Livingston & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Jarvis	5 h. Ashton	Brit. str.	902	Oct.	28 Thesis, Howard & Co.	Shanghai	
Chin-tung	5 h. Winser	Chi. str.	649	Oct.	13	Shanghai	
Collarion	8 c. Clark	Brit. str.	835	Oct.	28 C. M. S. N. Co.	Singapore, &c.	
Enury	5 h. Remondia	Span. str.	414	June	30 Remedies & Co.	Singapore, &c.	
Europa	5 h. Schade	Brit. str.	308	Oct.	29 Russell & Co.	Singapore, &c.	
Euxine	5 h. Peters	Brit. str.	1093	Oct.	21 Matheson & Co.	Singapore, &c.	
Fame	5 h. Stobani	Brit. str.	976	Oct.	15 Russell & Co.	Singapore, &c.	
Gullong	6 h. Stobani	Brit. str.	117	Oct.	11 H. & W. Livingston & Co.	Shanghai	
Hainan	6 h. Stratton	Brit. str.	277	Oct.	26 Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Shanghai	
Khiva	6 h. Woone	Brit. str.	281	Oct.	29 Afons & Co.	Shanghai	
Klun	5 h. Jones						